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I REMEMBER IT CLEARLY.
THE RED SKULL IS INSIDE THAT ROTTING OLD KEEP, TRYING TO BRING ABOUT ONE OF HITLER'S OCCULT NIGHTMARES...
TO BRING DEMONIC FORCES TO AID THE NAZI EFFORT...
I STOP HIM AND ALL HIS CRONIES, THOUGH.
WITH THE HELP OF THESE SOLDIERS... MOST OF WHOM DIE TODAY.

SO WHY AM I RELIVING THIS DAY AGAIN?
GET DOWN!
THANKS, CAP...
IS THIS SOME MIND TRICK OF FAUSTUS'S OR THE SKULL'S? AM I STRAPPED TO A TABLE IN A LAB SOMEWHERE?
KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN...
NO...IT'S TOO REAL...THESE ARE THE EXACT EVENTS, EXACTLY AS THEY HAPPENED...
...I'LL TAKE MASTER MAN.
NOW YOU DIE, AMERICAN!
NO ONE COULD FAKE THAT.

MOSTLY IT'S LIKE I'M A PASSENGER IN MY OWN BODY...OR AN EXTRA CONSCIOUSNESS IN MY OWN MIND...
LIKE I'M WATCHING MYSELF GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS EXACTLY AS I DID BEFORE...
BUT IF I TRY...I CAN CONTROL IT.
SHOULD I CONTROL IT, THOUGH?

IF I'M REALLY IN THE PAST...I COULD...NO...
IT'S TOO BIG TO THINK ABOUT...
I NEED TONY STARK OR REED RICHARDS...SOMEONE WHO WOULD UNDERSTAND THIS...
I NEED--
NO! DAMN--

--DAMN IT!
EXCUSE ME?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SON?
I KNOW YOU'RE BATTLE-WEARY, BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD YOU CUSS BEFORE.
MISTER PRESIDENT... I...
I'M SORRY, SIR... I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT...
IT...IT WAS NOTHING. I'M FINE, SIR.
GOOD, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO FACE THESE PRESS VULTURES WITHOUT YOU, SOLDIER...
YOU'RE MY GOOD LUCK CHARM.
I NEED A SCIENTIST... SOMEONE TO HELP ME FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS NIGHTMARE...
A WAY BACK TO MY OWN TIME...
NBC
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...IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE.
OKAY, BUCKY... YOU ALWAYS LIKED FACING UNBEATABLE ODDS...
...LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT YOUR WISH--THIS TIME, MAYBE LITERALLY.

NOT ONLY DID YOU WALK INTO A TRAP...BUT NOW YOU'RE FACING SOME OF OSBORN'S EVIL AVENGERS...

ARES, THE ACTUAL GREEK GOD OF WAR...
GAAHH--!
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...AND...I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT VENOM IS... SOME KIND OF MONSTER...

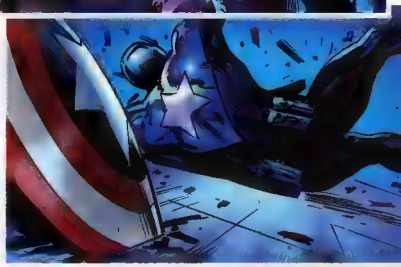
AT LEAST THE H.A.M.M.E.R. GUARDS I CAN DEAL WITH EASY ENOUGH.
BUT THIS FIGHT ISN'T GOING TO GET US ANY CLOSER TO SAVING STEVE...
...IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE.

STOP ALL THIS DANCING AND FACE ME!
GRAB A FLYING CAR AND GO.
I'LL HOLD THEM OFF.
AAHHH!
I'M NOT LEAVING YOU, NATASHA.
MY SIGNAL IS JAMMED, JAMES.
THE OTHERS NEED TO KNOW OSBORN HAS THE DEVICE.

WE'LL TELL THEM TOGETHER

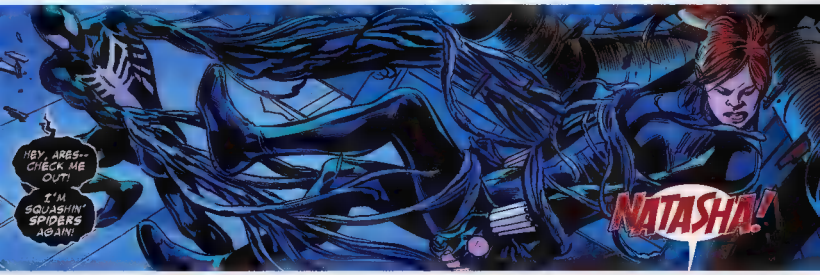
GNATS! YOUR BULLETS ARE NOTHING BUT GNATS!

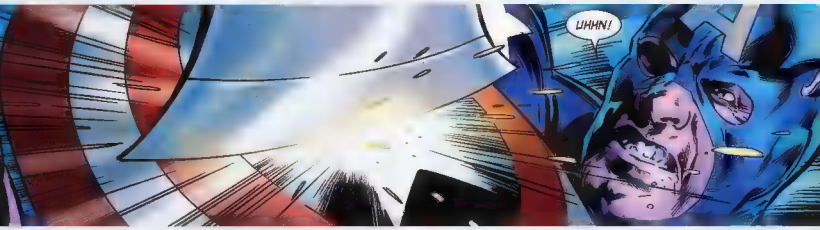
AHH!
NOT A CHANCE, KID...



YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE COME HERE...

WE AREN'T IN THE HABIT OF BEING MERCIFUL...


HEY, ARBS-- CHECK ME OUT! I'M SQUASHIN' SPIDERS AGAIN!
NATASHA!


UHHN!

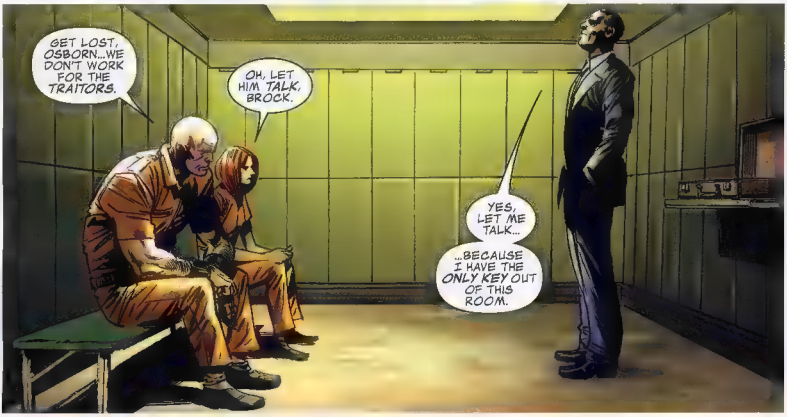
BUT YOU TWO ARE IN LUCK THIS NIGHT...

...BECAUSE WE HAVE ORDERS TO BRING YOU ALIVE.

The Baxter Building
IS THERE STILL NO WORD FROM SAM?
I'M AFRAID NOT, SHARON...
YES, AND PLEASE, STOP MOVING...THIS SCAN MUST BE VERY PRECISE.
Reed Richards
MISTER FANTASTIC--LEADER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR
WHAT IS THE FALCON DOING, EXACTLY?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, REED.
YES, WELL, I WAS OVER-MULTITASKING AT THE TIME...TRYING TO HELP YOU, PYM.
AND SINCE YOU'RE LUCKY I EVEN ALLOWED YOU INTO MY LAB, MAYBE YOU WOULDN'T MIND REPEATING?
HE AND THE VISION ARE ON A RECON MISSION, TRYING TO FIND CAP AND THE BLACK WIDOW...
THEY WENT SILENT LAST NIGHT WHEN TRYING TO RECOVER DOOM'S DEVICE...
FASCINATING...
IT IS?

NO, YOU SAID ZOLA REFERRED TO MS. CARTER HERE AS THE "CONSTANT"?
THAT'S CORRECT, YES.
WELL... THERE'S SOMETHING IN HER BLOODSTREAM. SOMETHING I CAN'T GET A LOCK ON...
BUT IT SEEMS FAMILIAR... WHAT IS IT?
OH, RIGHT...
BEFORE HE WENT UNDERGROUND, STARK SENT ME HIS FILES ON STEVE ROGERS' AUTOPSY.
AND YOU'RE JUST NOW MENTIONING THIS?
YES. THERE WAS SOMETHING TONY DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT THE RAPID CELLULAR DECAY EVIDENCED.
NOW WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT THE FALCON'S RECON MISSION?

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE OFFERING YOU THIS OPPORTUNITY, BELIEVE ME...
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S A MISSION YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES I CAN RELY ON TO COMPLETE.
Crossbones
THE RED SKULL'S FORMER RIGHT-HAND MAN
Sin
THE RED SKULL'S DAUGHTER


GET LOST, OSBORN...WE DON'T WORK FOR THE TRAITORS.
OH, LET HIM TALK, BROCK.
YES, LET ME TALK...
...BECAUSE I HAVE THE ONLY KEY OUT OF THIS ROOM.

THE ONLY KEY THAT ISN'T A BULLET TO THE HEAD, I MEAN.
NOT THAT THE MAN WHO HELPED KILL CAPTAIN AMERICA SHOULD BE EXPECTING ANYTHING BUT AN EXECUTION.

RIGHT. WAS THERE SOME TRIAL I SLEPT THROUGH?
TRIAL... NOW WHO'S THE COMEDIAN?

YOU'RE AN ENEMY COMBATANT WHO COMMITTED A TERRORIST ACT ON DOMESTIC SOIL...
NO ONE HAS EVEN SUGGESTED THERE WOULD EVER BE A TRIAL.

BUT SEE, I KNOW SOME THINGS NOW THAT I DIDN'T WHEN I TOOK THIS OFFICE...
THINGS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA... THINGS YOUR OLD FRIEND DR. ZOLA REVEALED...
THINGS THAT MAKE THE TWO OF YOU VERY USEFUL TO ME.

HOW'S THAT?
BECAUSE A REBORN CAPTAIN AMERICA UNDER MY CONTROL, LEADING MY AVENGERS...THAT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET.
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EVEN IF YOUR FATHER'S MIND WAS INSIDE ROGERS'S BODY.

NOW, DO WE HAVE A DEAL?

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--AND NOW LOOK UP, MY BOY...
JUMPING AGAIN... THERE...?
IS THAT... IS THAT--
--DOCTOR ERSKINE? THE MAN WHO MADE ME CAPTAIN AMERICA?
YES, VERY GOOD...
WE'LL JUST NEED TO DRAW SOME BLOOD NOW FOR THE FINAL TESTS...
DID I CONTROL THIS? DID I MAKE MYSELF SHIFT TO THIS MOMENT?
CAN I DO THAT?
DOCTOR?
YES?
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT... SOMETHING I READ IN ONE OF THE PULPS...
ABOUT TIME TRAVEL...

AH, YES... AN INTRIGUING CONCEPT.
THERE WAS THIS IDEA THAT SOMEONE COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND KILL HITLER...
...BEFORE THE WHOLE WAR STARTED... BEFORE HE TOOK POWER...
I AM SURE MANY MUST DREAM OF THIS...
OF COURSE, THE TROUBLE IS, IN DOING THIS, ONE WOULD ALTER THE FUTURE...
AND IN THIS ALTERED FUTURE, YOU OR THE ONES YOU LOVE... MAY NO LONGER EXIST.
IT'S ACTION AND REACTION, MY BOY...A RIPPLE IN TIME'S POND...
AT LEAST, MY UNDERSTANDING OF IT...I AM NOT AN EXPERT.
IF YOU TRULY WISH A CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FRIEND ALBERT...
YOU MEAN, ALBERT EINSTEIN?
OF COURSE...
NOW COME, WE ARE GOING TO MAKE HISTORY TODAY, YOU AND I...

HE HASN'T TOLD ME ANYTHING I DIDN'T KNOW, JUST CONFIRMED MY WORST FEARS...I'M NOT BEING GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE HERE...
I'M JUST TRAPPED IN TIME.
HEINZ KRUGER SITS UP IN THE VIEWING ROOM, A NAZI SPY...WAITING TO STRIKE.
AND I'M UNABLE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT IT.
I JUST HAVE TO DRINK THE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM...
AND BATHE IN THE RAYS OF DR. ERSKINE'S MACHINES...
AND GO THROUGH IT ALL AGAIN...

...BEING REBORN...

LONG LIVE THE THIRD REICH!
...THEN WATCHING THIS GREAT MAN DIE...
NO... DAMN IT...
NOOOO!
...ACTING TOO LATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I FEEL KRUGER'S BONES BREAKING...
..BUT JUST AS BEFORE, IT'S HOLLOW.
AAIIEEE!!
MY ACTIONS THIS DAY WERE ALWAYS FUTILE...
..I WAS ALWAYS TOO LATE.
GOD.. THIS IS TORTURE...
YOU ALL RIGHT, SOLDIER...?
YES.. YES SIR, I'M FINE...
I WAS JUST TOO LATE...
WHY AM I HERE?

The H.A.M.M.E.R. Helicarrier
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE WONDERING--
--WHAT EXACTLY IT IS YOU'RE DOING HERE?
I FIGURED IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WANTED MY AUTOGRAPH.
JUST UNSHACKLE ME AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
YES, WELL, I DID ALWAYS WANT TO MEET BUCKY BARNES, THE BOY COMMANDO.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD ALL THIS TIME.
BUT THEN, WE ALL DIE ONCE OR TWICE, RIGHT?
JUST TELL US WHAT YOU WANT, OSBORN... SO WE CAN TURN YOU DOWN AND GO BACK TO OUR CELLS.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING FROM YOU, BLACK WIDOW...
I JUST WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING I DID TODAY.
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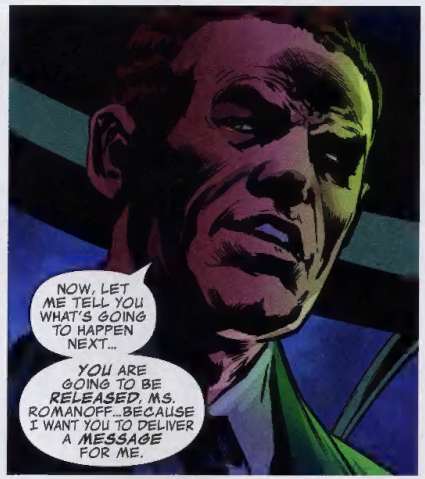
SHIELD
AGENT SHARON CARTER
SHOCKING NEWS TONIGHT-- SOURCES INSIDE H.A.M.M.E.R. REPORT--
AND THE NEVER-BEFORE REVEALED IDENTITY OF THE SECOND SHOOTER INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS FINALLY BEEN RELEASED, IN A--
--CONFIRMATION FROM H.A.M.M.E.R. AUTHORITIES THAT SHARON CARTER, A ONE-TIME AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D., IS NOW ON THE NATION'S MOST WANTED LIST...
--SHARON CARTER, ONE-TIME S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT, HAS BEEN REVEALED AS THE SECOND SHOOTER IN THE ASSASSINATION OF CAPTAIN AMERICA JUST ONE YEAR AGO--
--IF YOU HAVE SEEN THIS WOMAN, PLEASE CALL--

YOU SON OF A BITCH!
SHE WAS AN INNOCENT VICTIM!
OH PLEASE... WE'RE NONE OF US INNOCENT, BARNES...


NOW, LET ME TELL YOU WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT...
YOU ARE GOING TO BE RELEASED, MS. ROMANOFF...BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FOR ME.

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING OF THE KIND.

OH, I THINK YOU WILL.
SEE, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND YOUR FRIEND SHARON CARTER AND TELL HER SHE'S GOT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO TURN HERSELF IN...

To Be Continued...